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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed from the U. S. Patent Office on December 31, 2007, for which the shortened statutory period was set to expire on March 31, 2008. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time until June 30, 2008 and authorize the Commissioner to charge the three-month extension fee to Attorney's Deposit Account No.: 50-3081. In the event any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No.: 50-3081.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Response, in which:

- **Amendments to the Drawing** begin on page 2.
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